

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0013.1] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013.1] A dielectric 202 is deposited on the substrate 200 in any of a variety of configurations and, by way of example, may form a long and narrow plateau having a more or less trapezoidal cross-section. See FIG. 3. In one embodiment, the dielectric is the KQ CL-90-7858 dielectric (a glass dielectric) available from Heraeus Cermalloy (24 Union Hill Road, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, USA). However, the dielectric may be another dielectric and, particularly, may be another KQ dielectric, glass dielectric, or any other dielectric with suitable electrical properties. The low loss (about 1×10^{-4}) and low dielectric constant (about 3.9) of KQ CL-90-7858 (a borosilicate glass-based material) makes it particularly suited for building microwave circuits (e.g., microwave transmission lines).